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ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 0071/007001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Masamitsu NAKAMINAMI et al.  
Application No. 09/849,437  
Filed : May 7, 2001  
Title : MACHINE TOOL

Art Unit: 3712  
Examiner: Miller, B.

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 30, 2003, applicants hereby submit the enclosed papers including an Amendment under 37 CFR 1.111.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17 and 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for an extension of time for one (1) month to December 1, 2003 (since November 30, 2003 is a Sunday), for filing a response to the Office Action dated July 30, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application.

No extension of time has been previously obtained for filing the response. Thus a fee of \$110.00 for an extension of one month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17 and 1.136(a) is required.

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Transmittal Letter and Petition for  
Extension of Time  
Application No. 09/849,437  
December 1, 2003

The required fees are calculated below:

Total Claims	<u>12</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=	<u>0</u>	\$0.00
Independent	<u>4</u>	-	<u>4</u>	=	<u>0</u>	\$0.00

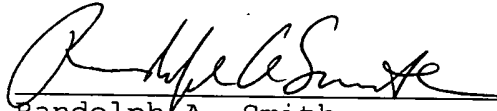
One Month's Extension of Time Fee \$110.00

TOTAL FEE DUE: \$110.00

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE THIS FEE AND ANY OTHER FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 19-2586, REFERENCING ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 0071/007001. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS PAPER IS ENCLOSED. THIS IS A GENERAL AUTHORIZATION EXCLUDING ONLY PAYMENT OF THE ISSUE FEE.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 1, 2003

  
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